



**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/404,313
Confirmation Number	8283
Filing Date	September 24, 1999
First Named Inventor	Tatsuhiko AMAGAI
Group Art Unit	2661
Examiner Name	HARPER, KEVIN C
Matter Number	Q55935
Title	PACKET PROCESSING APPARATUS, PACKET PROCESSING METHOD, AND PACKET EXCHANGE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a  
period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00, is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all  
required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any  
overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Signature [Signature] Date September 23, 2004



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q55935

Tatsuhiko AMAGAI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/404,313

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Group Art Unit: 2661

Filed: September 24, 1999

Examiner: HARPER, KEVIN C

For: PACKET PROCESSING APPARATUS, PACKET PROCESSING METHOD, AND  
PACKET EXCHANGE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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